

SACRAMENTO ETHNIC COMMUNITIES SURVEY

Oral History Interview
with Judge John M. Sapunar
June 16, 1984

00:00 Introduction

00:30 Bio: Born March 1, 1919 Sacramento
Father born in Loziska, Brač (Yugoslavia)
Mother born in Truckee (Irish background)
Father was Atlatc miner in New York, then dairyman in
Sacramento, finally a railroad engineer
Father was on both fastest and slowest run over the Sierras
Mother was a legal secretary
Met and married in Truckee 1914

04:30 [Pause at Request of Narrator]

Parents to Sacramento in 1928-29, lived at 711 - 28th Street
This was well out in the country at that time

[Pause at Request of Narrator]

05:50 Siblings = Thomas, Phillip, Ellen (deceased)
Other relations, aunts, uncles, etc. - both Irish & Croatian

08:30 House has remained continually in family
Not a Slav neighborhood

10:00 English only spoken at home
Christian Bros. Slavonian classmates
Reunion group 36-38 still meets

12:00 Businesses (Croatian & Irish), non-specified

[Pause at Request of Narrator]

13:00 Prominent families: Description of Rosemount Grille

14:45 Bio: Christian Bros., Sacramento Junior College,
University of Santa Clara, first employment in
insurance, joined Army Air Force after Pearl Harbor
law school 46-48

[Pause at Request of Narrator]

17:00 Story of appointment to bench

18:00 Miro Anisich Barbershop on Merchant Street &
Boitanos Restaurant

19:00 Croatian picnics, etc.

21:30 Refers to George Sapunar, accordion player

22:30 Other Slav communities

23:00 Slavs working at S.P., personal anecdote

25:00 [Pause at Request of Narrator]

Continues S.P. employment story

25:30 Ref. to marriage & children

27:45 Contemporary prominent Slavs
Babichs, Anisich, Ostoja, Zarich, Boscovich

29:30 Sapunar Sacramento/Marysville Restaurant

30:00 Personal statement - continues/resumed on Side B

Side B

00:00 Personal statement concerning America & family background